

## ***THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY***

**May 2013 – Week 2**

**Air Date: May 12 – May 18 (Sunday – Saturday)**



### **TITLE: FOURTH ESTATE IN FLAMES**

MAY 1861 AND THE FOURTH ESTATE BECOMES A FIFTH COLUMN.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

MAY 13, 1861. SAN ANTONIO. AS CONFEDERATES SEIZE POWER, UNION SUPPORTERS ARE FLEEING TEXAS IN A PANIC.

FOUR DAYS AGO, UNION TROOPS FROM EL PASO EVACUATING TO THE COAST WERE SURROUNDED WEST OF HERE BY CONFEDERATES. THE SO-CALLED “BATTLE OF ADAMS HILL,” ENDED WITHOUT VIOLENCE WHEN THE U.S TROOPS WERE CAPTURED THEN FREED TO CONTINUE THEIR GETAWAY.

TODAY, WHEN UNIONIST NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER JAMES NEWCOMB PRINTS AN ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE, THE RESPONSE IS DIFFERENT. AT MIDNIGHT, A REBEL MOB BREAKS INTO THE PAPER, DESTROYS THE PRESS AND BURNS THE BUILDING DOWN. NEWCOMB ESCAPES AND FLEES TO MEXICO.

THE LAST UNIONIST NEWSPAPER WENT UP IN FLAMES 152 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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